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Chapter II.

Concerning the Creation, and Fall of Man.

Thus saith the Holy One of Israel, I am that I am, the first and the last, the beginning and the ending. At my word were all things created; and by my power which is Almighty, did I give breath unto the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fishes of the sea.

2. But above all these I created man in my own image; I gave him breath, and a voice to praise me, and adore my holy name. I gave him power over every living thing that creepeth or moveth upon this spacious earth. And in the garden of Eden, which is Paradise, did I place him.

3. Yea, and out of the ground did I cause to grow, "Every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The tree of life in the midst thereof; and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." And seeing that his happiness would not be completed while he remained alone, I, in my infinite wisdom, did create for him a helper-meet.

4. To these I gave dominion over every living thing. And of all the fruits of the garden they could freely eat, save the tree of knowledge. But of this one tree I gave them strict command, saying, Ye shall not eat of this; for in the very day ye eat thereof, ye shall surely die.

5. And as long as they hearkened to, and obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, they knew no shame; they were completely

happy, surrounded by the innumerable hosts of Angels, that were continually praising and giving glory to God, the Creator of all things, for his infinite goodness, and the wisdom with which he created all things.

6. Yea, they were daily conversant with the holy Angels, that surrounded the throne of God, and the swift winged seraphs that guarded the holy spot, whereon their Creator had placed them. Here their happiness was complete. They knew their Maker, and adored his holy name. And so long as they obeyed his wise command, they were innocent; yea, they were pure in the sight of God.

7. But the serpent, which is the devil, viewed them with rage and malice, and determined upon their destruction. He set himself busily at work, devising a plan whereby he could cause them to err, and fall from that exalted eminence whereon their Creator had placed them. For they had dominion over every creeping thing, that creepeth or moveth on the land or in the water. The most ferocious beasts of prey were then at their command, perfectly docile and gentle.

8. Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which God had formed. For having been an Angel of light and love, standing continually in the presence of God, until he arose and defied the Almighty Creator of Heaven and earth, his fall was exceeding great; his light became darkness, and his love hatred. He envied the all wise doings of the Creator, & determined upon the destruction of the male and female whom God had formed.

9. He set himself busily at work, devising a plan whereby he could speedily accomplish their destruction. Altho' his abode was in the lowest recesses of the bottomless pit, and he was driven from the presence of the Eternal Brightness, no more to enjoy his glory, or his everlasting goodness; yet he was determined upon the destruction of man.

10. He said, "I will go forth upon earth and view the works of the Creator. I will see in what manner I can more speedily effect that which I, in my hatred, am resolved to do".

11. Satan sallied forth from his infernal region, and entered the beautiful garden of Paradise. Here he beheld the male & female whom God had formed, enjoying perfect happiness, pure and holy, without spot or blemish, innocent in the sight of God.

12. He closely observed every thing that God had caused to grow in this garden. And the beasts of the field he beheld, were harmless and inoffensive. His malice was exceedingly great, and his rage became violent. "I behold, (said he) that above all these things he hath created man; and he hath given him dominion over every living thing."

13. "And of all the fruit of the garden, he hath said, Thou mayest freely eat, only of the tree of good and evil, thou shalt not eat; for in that very day if thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. Here, (said he,) is where I will try, if possible, by my smooth words and cunning speeches, to withdraw them from the path of innocence, and cause them to disobey the command of the Lord their God.

14. So he drew nigh unto them, and thus he began his work of deception. "Hath God said ye shall not eat of all the trees of the garden?" Of all the trees he hath said we may eat the fruit thereof; but the tree in the midst of the garden, ye shall not eat, lest ye die."

15. "Then, said he, eat ye the fruit thereof; for ye shall not surely die. It is pleasant and good for food: eat ye thereof, and ye will be as gods; ye will be wise, and between that which is good and evil ye can discern."

16. Here is where he blinded their eyes; and with his smooth words and flattering speeches did he deceive them, and cause them to disobey the commands of their God. They did partake & eat: and in that very day were driven from their abode in the beautiful garden.

17. Their eyes were opened, and they could discern between good and evil, They feared to come forth at the commands of their God, whom before they adored; because of his wisdom & excellency in all things. Here man disobeyed; and here is where he lost his union with his Creator, and the holy Angels that surrounded them.

18. Yea, it was by disobedience to his command that they were driven from his presence, and lost that spirit of innocence of which they were in profession. Here man partook of the forbidden fruit, which caused him to yield to the carnal propensities of a fallen, corrupt nature, with which all mankind have been born into the world.

Chapter III.

The purpose of God for a restoration from the fall by Christ and Mother, who are the holy Parents of the New Creation.

1. But, saith the All-wise Creator, I ever resolved in my wisdom, again to create the male and female as one, in the New Creation; that I might have a people in my sight, standing before me, pure and holy.

2. Abraham and Isaac, and also many of the ancient patriarchs walked in the best light that was in their day. But none ever walked in, and obeyed the commands of the Lord their God, in the spirit of purity, until my beloved Son and Savior, Jesus Christ came into the world. He was without spot or blemish; his character unstained, pure and holy in my sight.

3. His humble mien, his lamb-like spirit, his gentle deportment, the love and charity, intermixed with true sympathy, which he showed towards all fellow mortals, was a true sign whereby all might know that he was a true son of God; that he was as one with the Father, an emblem of perfect purity and innocence, in the sight of all men.

4. He returned not railing for railing, neither did he despise nor hate his cruel persecutors; but when nailed to the cross, he cried aloud, with the whole feelings of his soul, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Truly this was a child of my choice, of my delight and

pleasure, my only begotten Son, whom I sent into the world to call sinners to repentance. This my beloved One, is the Father of the New Creation.

5. But as the work of redemption could not be complete without a Mother, I, in my wisdom, did pour my spirit of righteousness upon this, the Mother of all living in the New Creation. None was ever found, until this blessed, yea, truly blessed child was brought forth into the world, that was willing to become stripped of every earthly encumbrance, to be a true child of God, and a Mother in the New Creation.

6. With an eye that ever watcheth, and knoweth the works and the secret inventions of man, did I behold the earth groaning beneath its load of sin and wickedness, and no way for it to be released from its cumbersome and cruel oppressor, until the heavenly twain could be made complete.

7. I called my holy Angels, and bade them go to earth, and search diligently, until they should find among the daughters, one that was willing to lay down her natural life, and the life of a carnal, corrupt nature, for the sake of her fellow mortals.

8. My swift winged and holy Angels returned, and bowing before my holy and eternal throne of brightness, they said, "O holy and all righteous Father, thy word we have obeyed; we have searched diligently, from house to house, upon land and waters; O righteous Father, there is but one throughout this thy extensive world, that is willing to spend and be spent for thy sake.

9. There is but this one into which thy spirit of light and understanding can truly find an entrance. She is of humble mien,

of illiterate education; her parents poor, and we found her working hard at her hand labor, with her heart drawn nigh unto thee, in humble prayer, that she might find some way out of sin.

10. When my Angels had made an end of speaking, I said unto them, Go again unto earth, and take this bottle of my holy Anointing oil; and when ye enter the place, where this daughter of mine resideth, greet ye the house with, peace be unto thee, and then pour forth my Anointing oil upon her head, which is a swift testimony against all evil and every abomination under which the earth now groaneth.

11. My Angels obeyed my command; and from that hour, yea, from that very moment, did I, her God and Father, draw nigh unto her; for I found her, to be a fit vessel for my holy spirit to dwell in. I found her willing to strip and be stripped of every earthly thing, that she might find access unto her God.

12. And in tribulation and anguish of soul, did she labor incessantly, crying and praying to her Heavenly Father, until the whole cause of human depravity, which caused mankind to be so far withdrawn from the things of the spirit, and from their God, was made known to her, in a clear and full manner.

13. She then opened her testimony, which was powerful and pointed against all manner of evil. And this is the reason why the raging malice of Satan was so aroused in the filthy & polluted sons of Adam. Satan plainly saw the downfall of Antichrist, and that his Kingdom would be overthrown.

14. He said, "I will work diligently among the children of men, & if possible, I will again destroy the works of him, who saith he is Almighty

15. But my protecting arm was stretched over this little one of my pleasure, and all the devices of Satan were overthrown. She ever hearkened to my word, nor did she, in the least, deviate therefrom. She is now the Mother of the living, and the heavenly twain is complete

16. Truly Christ and Mother are the Parents in the New Creation; they are the heavenly Bridegroom and Bride, they are as one with the Father. And every knee will have to bow, and every tongue confess, that this gospel, made known and revealed, thro' my beloved Son and Daughter, is the only way that any soul, either in time or in eternity will or can find access to me, the true & living God.

17. It was thro' their incessant cries and earnest supplications before my throne, & that of holy and Carnal wisdom, that the children of Zion on earth, might become established and unmoved in this, the self denying work of purification, that I condescended again to draw nigh unto earth, and make known my holy will my laws and Statutes unto the children of Zion.

18. That they might, if strictly obedient thereunto, be protected from the cruel hand of the enemy, who is continually devising a plan whereby Zion and her inhabitants can be overthrown.

Chapter IIII.

A solemn Warning to the Children of Zion, who are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World.

1. Therefore hearken unto my word, O ye inhabitants of my Zion, while I again condescend to draw nigh unto you. Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loose its savor, wherewith can it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing.

2. And again, ye are the light of the world, ye are as a city set on a hill, ~~which cannot be hid~~, that the light which shineth upon you, may be seen by all the nations of the earth, and that they may flock unto you, and behold the peace, the order and the harmony in which you dwell together; that they may behold your good works, and bow beneath the gospel yoke of Christ and Mother, and receive that which will gather them nigh unto me, their God, and will cause them to glorify my holy name.

3. O ye inhabitants of my Zion, ye indwellers of my holy city, beware how ye step, lest unthinkingly, ye lightly esteem my holy and sacred word, and thereby make a gap for the enemy to get in, and destroy that which I, with my All-seing eye, do now behold with pleasure.

4. My word is holy, and that which I condescend, in my wisdom, to make known unto you, is truth and verity, and not to be lightly esteemed nor trampled upon, by the false pretender & vain hypocrite

Satan is not idle, nor is any of his infernal host; but they secretly imagine and contrive means whereby to undermine Zion, and her foundation pillars, which are strict obedience to my word, my will, my laws and my statutes.

5. But so long as ye strictly adhere to my sacred laws, and put your trust in me, the Holy and Just One, ye need fear no cruel persecutors, tho' they should take from you all that you possess. Zion will yet be invaded by a strong army, with evil minded hosts of wicked men, which will strive to decoy and ensnare the young and tender lambs of my fold; yea, they will even venture to threaten the taking of life.

6. But O my people, if ye will not deviate from my word nor my law, but will strictly adhere to the wise counsel of my holy Anointed, which I have placed on earth, my arm of protection shall be over you, and in the hour of adversity I will draw nigh, and pour my blessing, my strength & my power upon you.

7. Your protection, O ye children of my Zion, greatly depends upon your obedience; therefore I say unto you, Judge not my word, judge not my work, judge not my holy Anointed, neither let any dare presume to stretch forth their hands to steady the Ark of safety, which I have placed within the tabernacle of my most holy Sanctuary; lest they be smitten like Uzzah of old, and mine anger be not appeased.

8. I say unto you, Judge not that which proceedeth from between the lips of my holy Anointed Ones; for they are clothed

with my glory, and with a mantle which holy and Eternal Wisdom did prepare. They are the medium thro' which my word and will, which I send forth unto earth, must be tried upon the Altar of Wisdom.

9. They are endowed with eternal wisdom, and their will is my will; their word is my word; and if ye judge these my Anointed, my chosen Ones, to whom I have given the keys of the Kingdom, to open and shut as wisdom may direct, ye judge me, your God, and my word which is holy.

10. O Zion! I would that thy inhabitants were closely gathered within thy strong walls of protection; and that the feet of the filthy and unclean were no more seen passing thro' thy pleasant groves and beautiful fields; nor that their hands were employed to work among you.

11. My word is holy, my word is truth and verity. Much more would ye flourish; much greater would be your prosperity; your lands would yield you a more plentiful harvest; your flocks & herds would be more prosperous, and ye would not lack for any good thing that I your merciful and loving Father, could bestow upon you.

12. That which ye gain by the sweat of your own brows, by your ~~by your~~ own labor and industry, is far more blessed in my sight, than all you can get done by the filthy children of this world, who are daily wallowing in their lust, and every thing that is abominable in my sight.

13. You had better do with a little less of the necessaries of life, than to have their labors to feast upon. It deprives you of that blessing which I should bestow upon you, were they entirely shut

out from your dwellings and door-yards, as inmates of the same.

14. Do all which ye can on your own lands; till and cultivate them with your own hands, and my blessing shall flow unceasingly upon you; my Angels of strength shall constantly hover over you, and cheer you while at your toilsome duty.

15. And when you retire from your hand labor, you shall never fail to receive my blessing, and my Angels shall give you strength, and again renew your zeal to toil and labor on the earth, which I, with my own hand, have formed for mankind to cultivate for their own support.

16. Put your hand upon the plow, and look not back with fear, lest your work be not blessed. And put your seed into the ground with a cheerful heart, believing that I, your loving Father, will bless you in obeying my word and will.

17. The Ancients of my people tilled their land and cultivated it, and my blessing rested upon them; yea, I showered it freely upon them, and they prospered. They knew that it was by my goodness that they received that they received the reward of their labor so bountifully; therefore they never failed of giving unto me the glory, and earnestly entreating me to continue my blessing unto them and their posterity.

18. Zion is indeed beautiful in my sight, and she is the glory of the earth; but she would be still more beautiful, were her children more withdrawn from the wicked and unclean, were her dwellings no more defiled with their walking among

them, or the work of their hand labor hired among you.

19. I bless the ancients of Zion, and for their sakes have I spared her, and for their sakes, when my anger was great towards their children, did I appease my wrath, saying, "For the sake of the first-born of my Daughter's children, will I spare thee, O Zion, from my furious wrath and indignation, if thy children will turn unto me, their God, and obey my Laws & Statutes which I shall send unto them".

20. Therefore, in my condescending mercy, have I given them unto Zion's children, as a guide, if they will walk thereunto, that will save them from my impending judgments, which I shall shortly cause to fall upon the children of men.

Chapter IV.

The Blessing of God upon Zion and her Children, thro' the Intercession of the Ancients, Mother's faithful First-born, who are to be honored and respected.

1. I bless thee, O Zion, and truly blessed are the ancients of the City. I view them from my Eternal Throne of Brightness, with pleasure & delight. I see them bow their feeble bodies in prayer to me, for the young and rising generation, that I would spare them from my heavy judgments, that they may become as shining lights to the nations around.

2. I hear them supplicating Holy and Eternal Wisdom, to bestow a portion of her wisdom and understanding upon their children. I hear them cry, O my Mother! do not forsake these, thy needy children,

lest they mourn, lest they become destitute of a Mother's love, of a Mother's tender care, and fall a prey to the devouring beasts which hover around, seeking to destroy the innocent lambs of thy fold.

3. "Strengthen them, O my Mother, in every gospel virtue, that they may stand pure and unspotted before their Creator, that his blessing may distil upon them, like the dews of Heaven, and that they may be able to stand and fight valiantly on the side of the Lord.

4. Bless, O bless them, my Mother, that they may flourish and grow in thy gospel vineyard, and be a comfort and a joy to our weary spirits, while here on earth; and that our hoary heads may go down to our graves in peace."

5. These, and many more are the intercessions that I hear proceed from the mouths of the ancients of my people; and I do require that all zion's children, the young and the middle aged, respect and walk humbly before these, the first born of my Daughter's children.

6. Let your words to and about them, be in a godly & becoming manner, as dutiful children should speak to their parents in the gospel; lest I, in my indignation, cast you forth out of zion, as dung and dross.

7. Look at them, and pattern their godly example, that lamb like spirit which they possess, and see if this is not the spirit of their blessed Savior and Mother Ann. See them bow beneath the gospel yoke and willingly endure any hardships

upon their natural bodies, for the sake of Zion's children.

8. They have passed thro' the refiner's fire, and are made white and clean, as with fuller's soap. They have waded thro' scenes of tribulation that ye know nothing of.

9. They have endured hardships for the sake of the gospel, that it might be firmly established upon an unshaken foundation, that neither Satan nor evil minded men could overthrow; and rather than to deny their most holy faith, or their blessed Mother, many of them suffered severe persecution by the hands of cruel men.

10. These are they that have overcome, and these are they unto whom I will give a white stone, and in that stone a new name written which no man knoweth, save he that receiveth it. These shall reign triumphant in my Kingdom. And with shouts of welcome, welcome, shall they enter the eternal world. These are they upon whom I delight to pour my blessing; and these are they that have caused my furious wrath to be stayed.

11. Therefore do I bless Zion for their sakes. And if the young & middle aged do not respect and make them comfortable, during their short stay upon earth, my blessing shall be withdrawn from you, and my displeasure shall wax exceeding great. If ye seek to find fault, or say within yourselves; These the first born of Mother, are not perfect, no more than we are perfect.

12. If ye cover not their infirmities, as did the sons of Noah their Father's nakedness, ye will not be covered, and ye cannot hide; neither can ye escape my heavy judgments, which I shall

pour upon you; but I will spew you out of my Zion, no more to find refuge therein; but with the filthy & unclean, you shall share the just reward of your evil doings.

13. My words are truth and verity, and not to be trifled with; they are words of weight, and not to be passed lightly over; for the mouth of the Lord your God hath spoken them. Again I call upon the inhabitants of my zion to respect the ancients of the City, my Daughter's first-born children, and to conduct in that manner towards them, that their blessing can flow unceasingly, freely and willingly upon you.

14 For unless you receive their blessing, your God cannot bestow his blessing upon you; neither will your heavenly Parents bless you; but ye will be as lean and barren trees in a lonely desert.

15. But if ye obey my commands, ye shall not fail of receiving a bountiful blessing in this world, and in that which is to come. For these, the ancients in zion, will not suffer their dutiful children to go lean and barren; but as affectionate parents, will daily intercede before my throne, and that of Holy & Eternal Wisdom for a blessing, a never ending blessing for their children.

16. Nay, they never will, neither can they forget the children of their delight, the objects of their pleasure, and those unto whom they are endeared with the true bonds of parental affection. They will, with joy and smiles of love, greet you, as you enter the eternal world, and say unto you, "Welcome, welcome unto our happy

abode in this, the City of our God; welcome, welcome unto our peaceful and quiet abode, where the busy bustle and the rumor of earthly things are no more heard.

17. "With joy do we hail you, with pleasure do we meet you, and welcome your arrival: for ye are dutiful children, ye were the comfort of our tottering years, and the supporters of our weary limbs. When age and infirmity deprived us of youthful activity and vigor, like dutiful and affectionate children, did ye earnestly seek to comfort us, by faithfully promising to stand unmoved & unshaken pillars, in the holy temple of God upon earth.

18. "Therefore do we confess you before our Heavenly Father, & our Eternal Mother, yea, and all our heavenly Parents & angelic hosts that surround the throne of God, that you are the true offspring of Christ and Mother Ann; that ye were dutiful & affectionate children unto us, while we sojourned in time, and that you were such as we could bless with a never ending blessing, & unceasingly pour forth our prayers unto God, that he would not withdraw his merciful hand from you.

19. "When days of thick darkness should roll on, & tribulation weigh down your burdened spirits, when the vile persecutor should haunt your peaceful habitations, day and night, until you are sorely vexed; then it was that we did pray with the whole feelings of our souls, that our all merciful & righteous Father would condescend to draw nigh unto the inhabitants of his zion; and with his protecting arm, shield the faithful children of our love, from the cruel hand of the enemy.

20. That he would give them strength to overcome, and that with shouts of triumphant victory, they could give thanks unto their God and Creator, for their deliverance from the hands of their cruel oppressors.

21. Blessed and dutiful children! may your entrance into the heavenly world be joyful; and with us may ye share the reward of. Well done good and faithful servants; and may you be crowned with a crown of glory, and robe of exquisite beauty: and with us may you sing praises to God, day and night, & glorify him forever & ever".

22. This, O ye children of my Zion, this is the enraptured joy and delight with which the ancients of my City will, if you stand true to them and to your heavenly Parents, true to your own souls, and this blessed gospel, meet you when you shall have done with time and its transitory scenes. But from my throne of justice and judgment do I speak unto you; therefore hearken and be wise; pass not my words lightly over; for they are holy and alter not.

23. I am a God of justice, of truth and equity; and that which proceedeth from my mouth is truth and verity. Cursed is the soul that lightly esteemeth the counsels & instructions of my lovely Daughter's first born. Cursed are they that ridicule and despise them; yea, and laugh them to scorn. Cursed are they that labor not, with fervency of spirit, to console & cheer their drooping spirits and feeble frames.

24. Such by their own works and rebellious spirit, will be driven from my zions no more to find refuge therein, as inhabitants of that most holy place; but with the iron shod vagabonds which, with my fierce indignation, I have already cast out from my holy zion, shall they behold Zion flourish. They shall pass thro' her beautiful streets, and find none to look upon them with an eye of sympathy, or to say unto them, why is it so?

25. They may gnaw their tongues in pain, and their eyes may consume in their sockets; yet will I harden my heart, and turn a deaf ear unto their piercing cries and bitter lamentations. For I, your merciful Father, have warned the inhabitants of Zion, concerning the manner in which ye are to conduct yourselves towards the ancients of my City.

26. And unto those that are obedient unto my word and will, and consider it no more than what dutiful children should do, it shall be well with them. And here ends my word of truth, concerning this, saith the Almighty.

Chapter V.

The holy Word of the Almighty concerning the day which he requires his People to keep as a Day of Thanksgiving to him and Eternal Wisdom.

1. Your heavenly Parents and Angels in Heaven, have kept a day wherein they give thanks unto me, the Holy One of Israel and Eternal Wisdom, that we have suffered the fourt-

pillars of Zion to remain on earth a little longer, and have not gathered them unto their long home in eternity.

2. That the children of zion may become established upon the rock which cannot be shaken nor moved, tho' the angry billows of zon trosh la fal shire, should roll, vainly attempting to sweep it from the earth, that the children of Zion might learn how to keep the gospel in its purity, as it was revealed thro' their blessed Savior and Mother Ann, and be able to stand as true burden bearers in the house of the Lord.

3. And it is my will, saith the Holy One, as long as any are suffered to remain in an earthly tabernacle, that ever saw the face of their Mother, and received the gospel in its purity from her, or that received faith, tho' ever so young, while any that I safely guarded while crossing the tempestuous sea, from England to America, remained on earth, establishing my true gospel, which was made known to your blessed Mother, it is my will that ye keep a day of thanksgiving unto me your God, that I, in my condescending mercy, do suffer them to remain with you, to be a help, a strength and blessing unto you.

4. Truly, for their sakes, do I bless Zion, and as long as any of these, the glory of my Zion, remain in her, I shall not suffer the persecuting hands of the filthy and unclean to rage with violence within her borders. From her, my heavy hand of judgment shall be stayed, and in great mercy will I condescend to visit her and bless her habitations, because of the few righteous ones who still remain in her.

5. My holy word and will is this; that the first Sabbath in June, which is a day that ye cease from all hand labor, & gather together to praise my holy name, be henceforth kept as a day of thanksgiving unto me, that I suffer to remain with you, the blessed of my City. †

6. Your heavenly Parents and holy Angels, will keep this day with you; and I, the Allrighteous and Merciful One, will again condescend to draw nigh unto you, in a cloud of my glory, and bless zion, for the sake of the few righteous remaining in her.

7. May the ancients of my people, this day, rejoice and be exceeding glad. And I would that they bless their offspring, & freely bestow upon them the rich treasures of the gospel, which are the the heavenly virtues that bloom & grow in their heavenly vineyard.

8. I would that they strengthen them to stand boldly in defence of their most holy faith, and, like valiant soldiers, never flinching in the hour of danger; but boldly stand in the front of the battle, and fight valiantly for their God.

9. I, your heavenly Father, will not fail of supplying your heavenly garners with the rich treasures of the eternal world. Yea, and your holy and Eternal Mother, with all your heavenly Parents, will prepare a feast for their children on this day.

10. And it is my will that the ancients in zion do bestow these, rich * choice treasures, freely and cheerfully, upon their little ones, that may become more and more endeared unto them, and

† Alluding to the ancients Mother's first-born children.

may more deeply sense thro whom they receive so many blessings and favors, which I, in my goodness, am pleased to bestow upon them, for their comfort and the cheering of their spirits, while they are passing thro' the tempestuous sea of time.

11. Think not, O ye children of my zion, that the faithful are forgotten, or that mine eye doth not behold your good works. For behold mine eye is upon you all; and if a sparrow cannot fall without my eye beholding it. How then can ye think that I cannot see you in all your goings forth? And that I do not understand the secret workings of your hearts?

12. Surely ye are of more value than many sparrows, & in my sight ye are as precious jewels, and fit vessels for my holy Kingdom. Those that cheerfully, and willingly obey my holy laws & Statutes, shall shine forth in my heavenly Kingdom, with that glorious lustre which will far surpass the brilliancy of the sun at noon day.

13. Let this day be spent as a day of thanksgiving, and let zion's children rejoice in the goodness and mercy of God; let them sing joyful songs of praise unto my holy name, and songs wherein they can bless the strong and unshaken pillars in zion.

14. And furthermore, it is my will, that on the evening of the same day, ye gather together to ~~praise~~ and partake of my love, my blessing, and the many precious gifts, which the swift winged angels shall bring unto you. And may the ancients

of my people, again bless their offspring, that they may, with courage anew, stem the angry billows & conquer the enemy within the camp of Israel.

15. Should this day be pleasant, ye may gather together on some pretty green, and there offer up offerings of praise and thanks for the increasing work of Zion and the prosperity therein. Yea, I, your Heavenly Father, will draw nigh unto my people, and bless my holy City, bless the habitations of Zion, and the indwellers thereof.

16. I will bless your green fields, and pretty pastures, yea, the land shall become fat, because of my never ending blessing. I will bless you in all that you do in obedience to my will, and ye shall be blessed in your basket and in your store. Your granaries shall be loaded with the increase of the earth, and of no good thing shall ye lack, if ye strictly walk in obedience to my word.

17. This, my word and will, I now commit into the hands of my holy Anointed on earth, to try upon the Altar of Wisdom, and if it meets their approbation, and they, in their wisdom, cause it to be handed forth unto the inhabitants of my Zion, as my decree and Statute, then from the throne of my Eternal brightness do I say, Amen, even so let it be.

Chapter VII.

The holy Word of God respecting his holy Sabbath, and the Duty of the Day.

1. In six days did I create the world and all that was therein; and on the seventh I rested, that I might review that which I had created; yea, I blessed it and sanctified it, because I ceased to work on this day, at that which I had created with my hands.

2. And did I not speak unto my servant Moses, saying, Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep, for it is a sign between me and you, that ye may know that the Lord your God doth sanctify you? Ye shall therefore keep the Sabbath; for it is holy unto you; it is holy unto me your God.

3. And I do require that ye, who are a peculiar people in my sight, do wholly devote your time, on this my holy Sabbath, to adore and praise my holy name. Let your Sabbaths be dedicated unto me, the Creator of all things, and let no hand labor, that can consistently be refrained from, be done on this day.

4. My holy word doth forbid that ye bake or fry, or in any manner prepare any animal food for your tables, on this day; but let your food be that which ye can procure without baking or frying. Prepare your food, that which ye can consistently do, on the preceding day, that your sense need not

be withdrawn from me or my holy word, by a useless necessity of spending so much time in preparing food.

5. But my holy word doth not say, that ye shall not take care of the sick and infirm; but I do require that ye neglect not these, but do all that is in your power to make them comfortable, let it be little or much; yea, I do require you to deal kindly with your fellow mortals, as your heavenly Parents have dealt with you.

6. And I would that ye consider the charity they have bestowed upon you, when you were lame, halt and blind, & swallowed up with that which was earthly and vain; when your path was hedged around with the cruel briers of Satan's hedge.

7. Can any say that they have spared any pains to free your souls from every thing that hindered your travel, in the work of salvation from sin? Can any say that they have not, like affectionate parents and skilful physicians, done every thing to heal and cure you, to make you happy and comfortable, and in the whole word, both in the letter and in the spirit, to make you whole?

8. Therefore do I require you to deal with each other kindly, even as your heavenly Parents have dealt with you, in their late manifestation among the children of Zion. Neglect not the weak, and infirm in body; but do all that you can, or that is in your power, to restore them again to health, or to make them comfortable, while they remain on time's uncertain shore.

9. Let your Sabbaths be devoted to sing, and praise my holy

name, with every faculty of which ye are in possession. And when ye meet to sing praises and offer up your offerings unto me, your Creator, the Giver of all good, let the whole feelings of your hearts and souls be drawn out in prayer & praise unto me, that I may again bless zion with my holy & never ending blessing.

10. That I may anoint her with my holy power, & bestow upon her that unceasing and abiding treasure which will feed, strengthen, nourish and support her, that she need not faint, famish nor die; that will cause her to put forth her buds and blossoms, and fill the air with her fragrant perfumes.

11. That she may yield fruit in abundance, for the nations of the earth to partake thereof, and that the tree of life may flourish, its branches extend and spread far & near; that all kindreds, tongues and nations may receive therefrom, and be healed. For the leaves of this tree, which is the tree of my planting, and the fruit which groweth thereon, will heal all that seek shelter under its covert.

12. Surely I am a God of tender mercy & long forbearance, visiting the children of my zion in loving kindness and charity, and causing to be revealed unto them my holy word & will, that they may not provoke me their God, and cause mine anger to burn against them, until in my hot displeasure, I cause my vials of wrath and heavy judgments to be poured out among them.

13. Zion indeed is the glory of my Kingdom, and her inhabitants are my delight and pleasure. I view them with an impartial eye, and bestow upon her my blessing; because of the righteous that dwell within her borders; because of those that delight to praise and adore my excellency and all-righteous power; and offer up nothing unto me, but that which is acceptable in my sight.

14. Let none attempt to sing praises unto my holy name, or to bring an offering into my holy Sanctuary, with the pretence of offering it up unto me, their God. while their hands are defiled with abominations, or their hearts polluted with sin.

15. Let none dare presume this thing, lest my wrath be kindled against you, and I, in my fierce indignation, do smite you, as I did Nadab and Abihu, for offering up strange fire unto me. For if ye attempt to praise my holy name, with abominations concealed within your hearts, ye offer up strange offerings, and they are loathsome in my sight, and a stench in my nostrils.

16. Ye will thereby cause my displeasure to wax hot towards you, and I will smite you, that ye wither and die, & are finally separated from my lovely zion, no more to find refuge therein; but with the filthy and unclean, share the just reward of your doings.

17. Let none attempt to worship me, whose breasts inwardly burn with envy, hatred, strife or malice towards their brother or sister. But if thou come before the altar to offer thy gift, and

there remembereth that thy brother or thy sister hath ought against thee, leave thou my sacred altar, and go & become reconciled unto thy brother or sister, and then come & offer thy gift. It would be far more acceptable in my sight & a free and full blessing I can then pour upon you.

18 Let brotherly love within my zion find no end. Love ye one another with that love which ye have so bountifully & liberally received, from time to time, yea, more than ye can number, from your blessed Savior and heavenly Parent. Truly they have loved you, and tenderly have shown unto you my way of life and salvation, in a plain manner & easy to be understood.

19. My holy word does forbid all reading of histories & all books formed and printed by the hands of the wicked & abominable workers of Satan, on this my holy Sabbath. But ye may sing my sacred, holy and divine songs, with which my zion is so bountifully blessed; and if ye want, may write the same.

20. Ye may read in books which have been, or may hereafter be, composed among my holy people, that are secluded from the children of the wicked; and ye may read my holy and sacred bible. But all books composed by the children of this world, would tend to deprive you, of a great portion of my blessing, were your time and sense buried in perusing them.

21. My Sabbath must be wholly consecrated unto me, the God of Israel. And no loud talking and boisterous laughing should be heard on this my holy day. All talking about your hand labor, or telling foolish and vain stories about this thing or that, does not belong to my Zion, and is forbid in my holy word.

22. But ye may converse together in my holy fear, about me, your Maker, and Creator of all things. Ye may speak of my loving kindness and tender charity towards my chosen people, of your heavenly Parents and ministering Angels, that constantly surround you, and are loading you with heavenly treasures and precious gifts from my eternal mansion.

23. Thus may ye spend this day, my holy Sabbath, in holy reverence and solemn fear, and the holy Angels that surround my eternal throne, will not fail to load you with the blessings of Heaven, and give you a bountiful supply of the true love and holy blessings which I shall bestow upon the poor in spirit, and the earnest seeker after righteousness.

24. So in obedience to my holy word, dear children, ye will prosper in all your outgoings and incomings, and all will find that my word is truth, and words that are not to be trifled with, nor lightly esteemed; but they are words of weight, and if not considered as such, and strictly obeyed, will cause the soul, in some day or other, to feel the severity of an all righteous and just God.

25. For verily I say unto you, till Heaven and earth pass away, my words shall stand as the eternal words of justice and truth; neither shall one jot or tittle pass therefrom, until all that I have revealed unto the inhabitants of my Zion shall be fulfilled.

26. And I, your heavenly Father, would that ye weigh well my words and be wise; consider them in your hearts as weighty and important truths, and know that they are the words of an Almighty God, proceeding from the Eternal throne of his justice.

Chapter VIII.

The holy Word of God concerning Dwellings and Workshops.

1. Ye are a peculiar people in whom I delight, both to strengthen and to make known my holy will. And as order is the sure road to Heaven, I would that ye understand and lay to heart my word, my will and my desire, that ye may not fail of receiving that which, in my wisdom, I have purposed to send unto you.

2. I have placed my holy Angels of light and of wisdom to guard constantly your dwellings, where ye retire from your daily labor, and to bring unto me a correct statement of all that passes within their walls. I have commanded them closely to observe the goings of everyone, the manner in which they walk before me their God.

3. Your dwellings where ye retire, and where ye meet to adore and sing praises unto me your God, are to be kept more sacred & considered as such, more than your working shops or your out buildings.

4. For I, your God draw nigh unto my people, when gathered together in this habitation, than in any other; tho' my eye is constantly upon you, and seeth and knoweth the workings of your hearts. Let your sense be turned towards me, and my gracious doings; and fear, yea, fear ye the Lord your God, in every word thought and deed; for truly my Angels and faithful watchmen there, their vigils keep.

5. Let no disorders be found within the habitations of this my holy Zion; but let peace and harmony find within her a quiet place and a happy abode. May heavenly virtues there bloom, and fill the air with their fragrant perfume; and may the Angelic hosts waft on their wings joyful tidings of my children in Zion.

6. Let not the vain clamor of the unmortified be heard thro out this my habitation; neither let the footsteps of the boisterous bespeak that my Holy Spirit findeth not any entrance within that soul, but let all be quiet and loving towards each other, every one striving to build up my most holy Zion in beauty and order. Let every one show forth by their works, that my will is their will, my delight their delight, and that they fear me, in all they think, say or do.

7. May order find a peaceful abode within your apartments; and when ye gather together to praise my holy name, and offer up your offerings unto me, my word is this; Leave your dwelling rooms with

perfect every thing in perfect order, and showing no marks of disorder or an unmortified sense.

9. Leave them as ye would be willing my holy Angels should waft an ~~their~~ account of them before my Holy and Eternal throne; & in that way that ye can feel a justified conscience, & can present your gifts before my holy altar, and I receive them as the choicest fruits of my Kingdom.

9. Let your whole heart be turned towards me, when ye attempt to worship or sing praises unto my holy name. In solemn reverence before me, bow your hearts exceeding low, that your offerings of praise and thanksgiving may ascend as the sweet smelling incense before my holy throne.

10. And all that prepare their hearts, and make clean their vessels, ready and fit for my Holy Spirit to dwell therein, shall never fail of feeling in their own souls, my tender love, mercy and unbounded charity: and my blessings shall distil upon them, like the dews of Heaven.

11. Truly I, your God, do delight to bless, strengthen, support and encourage the humble seeker, and the lowly in mind. From my eternal throne I view them, and mark them as precious jewels in my heavenly Kingdom. With my All seeing eye do I behold them, walking in strict conformity to my holy Laws and Statutes, & counting no price to dear to obtain a seat in my heavenly Kingdom.

12. Yea, these that present themselves before me, to sing praises to my holy name, that have sacrificed a life of nature, to be a partaker of my heavenly and divine gifts, have stripped themselves from every earthly tie and encumbrance, have freely forsaken

all to obtain my favor, and willingly and cheerfully obey my holy holy word, bloom like the full blown rose in the beautiful garden of Paradise.

13 Yea, these are they upon whom I delight to pour my blessings, and my heavenly and divine gifts; these are they upon whom I shower my power and everlasting love; because they love to serve me, the Lord their God, with their whole soul, their whole might and strength, with every faculty with which I have blessed them.

14. These are they unto whom I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of my holy Paradise. These are they that have overcome, and I will make them strong pillars in my holy temple, and they shall go no more out; but I will write upon their foreheads the name of their God, and the name of my holy City.

15. Truly the offerings of such are not loathsome in my sight, but with an eye of pleasure do I behold them, and with joy do I receive them, as the precious and rich offerings of my faithful and obedient children.

16. Furthermore, it is my word unto you, that ye leave your working-shops, when ye retire therefrom, in that order, neatness and cleanliness, as true children of Christ and Mother should; and so that my holy angels can visit your abodes, and bless & protect them from the hands of your outward enemies.

17. And at the close of the week, have all things put in order, and let neatness preside throughout Zion's habitations; gather yourselves into your dwelling houses, and there prepare to worship and adore my holy name.

18. And remember, O my people, that my Angels of light are closely observing every step that ye take; and they bear record of the same to my eternal mansion, in the heavenly worlds above. So be wise, all ye children of zion, lest unthinkingly ye stumble and fall to rise no more.

19. But the souls that walk humbly and uprightly before me, their Creator, need not fear the cruel hand of the enemy, nor their threatening words; for I, the Almighty Maker of Heaven & earth, will protect my chosen people from all harm, and will hide them from the furious anger of the rebellious & filthy sons of Adam.

20. My power is Almighty, and my words are truth & equity; and unto the zion of my likeness do I now speak. Let each one and all that call on my name, or own the name of their blessed Savior and heavenly Parents, devote every talent for the upbuilding and beautifying, and the adorning of this my holy Zion, that it may shine forth in its full splendor, & glow like the sun at noon day.

21. And may her children that dwell secure beneath her strong walls of protection, increase in order and beauty, & be as shining lights to the nations around.

22. Yea, I say unto you, let every one, when they attempt to praise my holy name, devote every talent to adore and worship me, the God of their salvation. Let those who are young & able bodied, praise me in the full strength of their activity, devoting their time and talents wholly for the purpose of praising my holy name.

23. Praise me in songs of joy, and praise me in the dance, with the full strength of your voices, praise ye my holy name. And when ye sing my sacred and divine songs, sing ye like the bold sons & daughters of Jesus Christ Mother Ann, and not like those that wallow in their lusts and uncleanness, and merely make use of this talent to serve their master, the devil.

24. O Zion! I long to behold thee without spot or blemish; I long to see thy children moving on in the beauty and order of thy God; I long to see the day dawn forth, when every breath will be drawn out in praise and adoration, unto him that created all things, and hath it in his power to give or to take away. I long to see thy children put their whole trust in me, and rely on me for their strength and power.

25. For I, the Lord their God, the Mighty One of Israel, will fight their battles for them, and cause them to overcome and to come off victorious; even as I fought for the children of Israel, that they might conquer their enemies.

26. And as my promise was unto them, if they obeyed the voice of their God, they should enter the promised land & possess it. So is my promise unto you, O ye inhabitants of Zion.

27. Ye are as the children of Israel were in that day. Ye have enemies within, to encounter and destroy, that ye may, as rightful sons and daughters, enter the eternal world into the glory of my Kingdom, and become the possessors of the heavenly gems and choice treasures which will there be laid up in store for you.

29. And all that bear a good report of the promised land, which I have given unto my children in Zion, and show that the fruits which grow therein, are good and delightful to the taste, (as did my servants, Caleb and Joshua,) and daily encourage each other to stand boldly, and fight valiantly for their God, until they come off conquerors, and sole possessors of this beautiful and promised land, shall never fail of entering therein; yea, they shall enter in and receive the full reward of their righteous works.

29. Here grow the heavenly virtues, which adorn the lowly soul, and the earnest seeker after righteousness. Here dwell those that continually surround the throne of my Eternal Brightness, crying, Holy, holy, and all-righteous are thy judgements, O thou righteous God, who art, and wast and art to come. Yea, thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things; and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.

30. Here are those that with crowns on their heads, and palms in their hands, sing praises, day and night, without end, for the wisdom and excellency of my all-righteous doings; yea, they sing the song of the Lamb, saying;

31. "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, O thou King of Saints! Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy; for all nations shall come & worship before thee, for thy judgements are made manifest."

32. Here is a mansion prepared for those who, while on the shores of time, freely obeyed my holy laws, my word & will, & determined to become fit subjects for the Kingdom of Heaven, stripped themselves of every thing that belonged to a carnal, corrupt nature, and bravely fought with their cruel & most tyrannical enemy, the man of sin.

33. Yea, these are they that laid down a life of nature, and entered into a new and spiritual life unto life, that they might rise above nature's deep corruptions, and the sunken & depraved state into which mankind were led by the fall.

34. These are they who put their whole trust in me, and trusted not in an arm of flesh, nor relied on their own natural powers & abilities, to save them from their enemies, within nor without.

35. Yea, it is these that shall share the joys of my heavenly Kingdom, and the glory of my Paradise. It is unto these that I can say, Well done good and faithful servants, come enter into the joy of your Lord. Ye are the ripe fruits of my heavenly Kingdom, and the glory of my Paradise. Ye are in my sight, and I behold you as precious gems set around with costly pearls.

36. For ye have counted no cost too dear, no sacrifice too great, to become fit vessels to dwell in my temple of eternal rest and continual happiness, where the sorrow of earth, or the toils of care can never again reach you, but all around is holy, heavenly, divine and serene.

37. Here is where ye can unitedly sing and shout eternal

praises before my holy throne forever and ever. Fear not, O ye little ones of my Zion; for truly I am a God of Love & Justice, and I will recompense every one according to their works, & not one word which I have spoken shall pass by unnoticed; neither will ye fail of receiving your full and just reward, if ye adhere strictly to my holy word and keep my Laws & Statutes sacred, throughout all generations.

3p. So let all that hear this my word, receive it into their hearts understandingly, and know it is my word of solemn truth, and correctly recorded by my proclaiming Angel, as it echoed from my throne of eternal brightness.

3q. Yea, and consider that I am a God of Justice, mercy, charity and long forbearance towards the indwellers of my holy Zion on earth; and that in my mercy and love do I condescend to reveal and make known unto the inhabitants therein my word, my will and my desire, that if they hearken thereunto, they can escape my Allrighteous judgments, which I am about to send on the filthy and unclean.

Chapter VIIII.

My holy Word of Love to the Ancients, my Daughter's Children.

1. Draw nigh, O ye lovely children, my Daughter's first born, draw nigh unto me your God, while I, in a cloud of Love, do cause my word to be made known unto you.

2. Ye lovely children of the Heavenly King and Queen, ye founders of my Church upon earth, ye strong foundation pillars whereon ~~his~~ the burden of his my holy and ever blessed gospel has rested, draw nigh unto me, your God, and receive my love, which I shall cause my Angels to bestow upon you, for truly ye are peculiar objects of my delight and pleasure.

3. I view you from my Eternal Throne, as living saints upon earth. I behold your feeble frames tottering beneath your hoary years, still laboring for the support, the upbuilding and beautifying of my holy Zion upon earth. I hear your humble prayers and supplications for the increase of your little ones. I hear you cry, "O merciful Father, forsake not the Zion of thy likeness, nor the inhabitants that dwell within her walls.

4. "In thy mercy and loving kindness, do condescend to draw nigh unto her, even unto her habitations, and bless them; O bless them with power and wisdom, that they may do thy will and thy pleasure, even as thou wouldst have them do it. Do strengthen them to endure all trials and tribulation, that they may stand spotless, pure and undefiled before thee and our ever blessed Parents.

5. "Do, O merciful Father, draw nigh unto thy little ones, when they are passing thro' the fiery furnace, and with thy merciful hand, guide and protect them, that they faint not, nor famish and die; but that they may come out like gold, well tried and purified by the refiner's fire; that they may shine as the

glory of thy Kingdom, and appear in thy sight as sparkling gems of purest gold.

6. "Bless, O Lord, we pray, their habitations, and bless the work of their hands. Bless O bless them that they may prosper and thrive, that they may flourish and grow like young and tender plants in thy lovely vineyard, and bring forth fruit in abundance, that they may have for the nations of the earth, wherewith to feed their hungry souls, when they shall flock to Zion".

7. These, and many more, are the intercessions, O ye lovely Ancients, that ascend before my throne; and may you ever know that I, as a tender parent, do, and ever will bless, guide & protect the offspring of your love, so long as they walk after me, the Lord their God, with all their hearts, with all their souls, and all their might, and seek to worship no other god but me, their merciful Father and Friend.

8. Nay, I never will forsake the Zion of my forming, as long as five righteous souls remain within her walls, that fear me in all that they do, and look not towards the dismal plains of Sodom to find a hiding place, or to seek refuge within her walls.

9. This promise do I make unto you, O ye faithful ones of my pleasure, that Zion shall never be forsaken, nor her children be left without a guide, so long as one stone standeth upon another, whereon my holy City is founded.

10. And when you enter the eternal world, no more to be

bowed with the toils of life, you can then look down with pleasure upon your children, and behold them eagerly pursuing the path which ye have trod before them, never halting because of the ruggedness of the way, nor murmuring at the tedium of the journey; but with cheerful steps, will you behold them bravely pressing thro' every danger that besets them on their journey, and determined for the wished for prize, stem the rapid current and press thro'.

11. Yea, they will bless their parents that have gone before them, and paved the way in tribulation, that have marked out the way, and taught it to them, both by precept and example.

12. Yea they will be your joy, your comfort and your consolation; and your affectionate love and [redacted] godly examples will never be forgotten by them, but will be handed down from generation to generation. Your instructive words and wise counsels will feel like a choice treasure, long after your children's children are layed in their silent tombs.

13. Blessed, faithful children, lovely in my sight, and objects of my peculiar delight! From my throne on high, do I behold you and bless you, saying, How lovely are the feet of those that preach glad tidings of salvation and peace!

14. Ye lovely ancients of my zion, in you do I delight, & upon you I delight to pour my blessings, unceasingly. Ye are the choice treasures of my holy Kingdom; because you have forsaken all, to become rightful heirs and fit subjects for my Paradise above.

15. Ye have passed thro' the furnace heat, and have come out like gold well refined from dross. Ye have made clean your robes by passing thro' the deep waters of tribulation and mortification. Yea, ye are as sparkling diamonds and precious pearls in my sight; and ye are they before whom the Angels will bow, saying, "These are they that have overcome while in time, and have made themselves clean, by the blood of the Lamb.

16 With shouts of welcome, welcome, will ye be received in the eternal world; because ye overcame while in time, & made this my holy gospel your only delight, interest and treasure. Truly your reward is great, and the mansion glorious that is prepared for you, when done with this transitory scene.

17. But be ye not over anxious to leave time's troubled shore, but be willing to stay a little longer, to strengthen & support the young and rising generation, that they may be able to stand in the days of heavy tribulation and sore affliction, which will surely come upon them.

18. Yea, they will need all the help and strength that they can gather from you, my lovely ancients, to enable them boldly to stand in defence of this pure and undefiled gospel. Yea, they will be sorely vexed and persecuted, by the hands of the wicked and abominable workers of Satan.

19. So do not be over anxious to leave the scenes of time, but be willing to stay a little longer, to bless and strengthen the children of my Zion, who must stand like valiant soldiers,

Parents
in defence of their heavenly, and this blessed gospel, when you are
all called to your peaceful homes, no more to be troubled with the cares
of earth, nor that which dwelleth therein.

20. But, my lovely ancients, this tribulation will not fall so heavily upon the inhabitants of my Zion, until the bodies of the first born of my Daughter's children are all laid quietly in their graves, and their spirits gathered into my holy courts above, there to feel the never ending flowings of their Heavenly Father's love, and that of all their heavenly Parents whom they so tenderly loved and delighted to obey, while in time.

21. Blessed indeed, ye are, in my sight, O ye lovely Ancients; for ye have blessed my holy and sacred word, which I, in my condescending mercy, have caused to be handed forth unto the children of Zion.

22. From the beginning of this manifestation, since the windows of Heaven have been so widely extended, that the children of Zion could receive the blessings of Heaven, you have almost daily blessed and strengthened the work of your heavenly parents. And as faithful witnesses, have ye stood for them boldly maintaining this blessed gospel, and encouraging the young and tender lambs of Zion to press on with courage, and not faint by the way, but boldly stand in defence of their Mother & her work.

23. Therefore ye are blessed in my sight, now & forevermore.

Yea, your labors shall be crowned with success, & the young & rising generation will bless your hoary locks, and mourn because the day is fast approaching when you will be called to leave them, and they can no more behold you, nor receive a blessing right from your hands, as they now do.

24. They will look upon their affectionate parents, & ask for their blessing, that they may have a precious crumb to feed upon, and comfort them when you are gone.

25. Blessed children, ye are objects of my peculiar love, and may the remainder of your days on earth be happy, and may you be joyful, knowing that I, your Heavenly Father, see and know all your thoughts, and all that you do, and recompense you with a full reward for your faithful labors, for the upbuilding and beautifying of my holy Zion.

26. Yea, your reward shall be great, and your crown glorious that you shall wear, for ye have been overcomers and brave conquerors, and in my Kingdom ye shall reign triumphant, as brave soldiers, who have valiantly stood & fought the battles of your God. My blessing I pour upon you like the dews of Heaven; and this ye may have while ye remain on time's shore below.

27. So be ye comforted, be ye joyful, for I, your Heavenly Father, will never forget, neither will I forsake the true & worthy sons and daughters of my holy Zion, and rightful heirs of my heavenly Kingdom.

2p. And whenever you hear this my word of love, if ye will hold out your right hands, I will send my holy Angels to place therein the love of your Heavenly Father, & Holy and Eternal Wisdom, with all your heavenly Parents. And when ye have received it, ye may return thanks by making 4 low bows and repeating these words. We thank thee — O Heavenly Father, — for thy word of love and comfort to us.

Chapter IX.

Words of the holy and proclaiming Angel Vitcalew.

1. I have at this time, read to the mortal writer, all that my Holy and Heavenly Father commanded me to make known, and reveal unto the Zion of his likeness. He bade me say, that by his wisdom doth he keep concealed from their view, the remaing contents of this holy and sacred book.

2. But into the hands of the holy Anointed on earth, doth he commit this his holy and sacred word, until he, in his all righteous wisdom, doth see fit to reveal or make it known unto the inhabitants of his Zion on earth.

3. And furthermore, it is his word and will, if approved by his holy Anointed on earth, by whom all things revealed and brought forth on earth, must be tried upon the holy Altar, that this be read throughout his Zion once a year, that all may know & understand his holy word & will.

4. And if the Anointed feel union, he would have it read on the 6.th day of August, in remembrance of the day when Mother and her little company safely landed in America. For saith our Eternal Father, had not my hand guided and protected them, you never would have had this, the gospel of salvation sounded in your ears while you remained in time.

5. The Angels in Heaven commemorate this day, and I would that ye read this my Holy Word, and return thanks unto the Gracious Protector of Mother Ann, and her little band, that safely guided and protected them while crossing the tempestuous ocean.

6. I have for you, at this time, and whenever you hear this, his holy word, the love of God your Heavenly Father, of Jesus Christ and Mother Ann, and all your heavenly Parents, enclosed in a golden ball, with these words written upon it, Great is the reward of the truly faithful while here in time.

7. And after receiving this, ye may bow 4 times, & repeat these words; Thy holy Word, - O Heavenly Father, - we will keep covered forever and ever. of Zion

8. Thus do I close my word unto you, O ye childreny, and into your hands, O ye holy Anointed ones, do I commit this, that ye may try it upon the Altar of wisdom, and do that which seemeth good unto you. For that which is loosed on earth, is loosed in Heaven; and that which is bound on earth, is bound in Heaven.

9. So receive ye your Heavenly Father's never ending love and blessing, for ye are blessed by him while in time, and will be in an endless eternity.

10. And now, I, the holy and proclaiming Angel, have made an end, and have accomplished that which my Heavenly Father bade me do; and I now return to him again, to praise and adore his holy name, until by his command I am again sent forth unto earth, to do his will and pleasure. The Angel Vikalen.

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